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THIS : UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. The Csepel factory is on the island of the same name south of Budapest and north of Szigetszentmiklós, running in a north-south direction along the island. The factory grounds have two main entrances. Near the northern one is the office building, the research laboratory and the planning office. In front of the office is a testing road 8 m wide and 6 km long. At the west side of the installation are the shops. A normal gauge railroad runs the length of the installation. At the east side are a hospital, a meeting hall, an apprentice school and a home for apprentices. Coal and raw materials are stored in the center.
2. The machine equipment is partly old, partly modern. The forced pace of the work leaves no time for preventive maintenance. If machines break down the workers using them are held responsible.
3. Motors, cars and various types of spare parts are produced. No bodies are made at this place, those used coming from the Ikarus and Rákosi Mátyás works. Now being produced are Diesel motors, Type 350 for 3-ton trucks, Type 130 for 1.5-ton trucks, Type 200 for 5-ton trucks, Type 300 for 3-ton trucks. Type 350 resembles that of the Steyr Diesel truck. Type 130 is suited to the American Dodge truck. The other two types are of pure Hungarian construction and are produced especially for the Hungarian Army. Type 350 goes to most of the state industries and also to other Iron Curtain countries.
4. There are no shortages in raw material, although deliveries are sometimes delayed. The factory gets rolled iron from Diósgyőr and Stalinváros, cast iron, aluminum, bronze and other half-fabricated parts from Győr, half-fabricated steel from the

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Rákosi Mátyás works, instruments from the MOM optical works and the Gamma factory, electrical installations from the REMIX factory in Budapest. In all these materials there are 25 percent rejects; many cars are returned because of parts failures.

5. Monthly production on the average is 600 of Type 350, 450 of Type 130, 200 of Type 200 and 300 of Type 300.
6. The factory employs about 9,000 workers, in three shifts, including Sundays.
7. The general director is Béla Zentai, his deputy is Attila Homoncsik. The Party secretary is Lajos Sándor, the production chief is Pál Strém, the military representative is Lt. Col. Kálmán Nagy.
8. Workmen are forbidden to move about among the various shops. Foreigners may visit nothing but the office building.

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